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SUBJECT: POST-ELECTION DEBATE ON SUNNINGDALE RESUMED BUT  
NOT CONCLUDED

REF: BELFAST 34

SUMMARY: POST-ELECTION DEBATE ON SUNNINGDALE RESUMED MARCH 26  
REMAINS UNCONCLUDED AND WILL BE TAKEN UP AGAIN APRIL 2.

UNEDIFYING SECOND SESSION OF DEBATE WAS MARKED BY CROSS-PARTY  
RECRIMINATIONS MORE WOBBLING AMONG FAULKNERITE BACKBENCHERS  
AND ANOTHER STERN WARNING FROM ALLIANCES NAPIER TO DUBLIN  
(AND LONDON) TO GET ON QUICKLY WITH CARRYING OUT SUNNINGDALE  
COMMITMENTS. END SUMMARY

1. DEBATE ON LOYALIST MOTION ON SUNNINGDALE AND ON PRO-ASSEMBLY  
UNIONIST AMENDMENT (BELFAST 34) CONTINUED MARCH 26 WITH STILL  
NO VOTES TAKEN. MUCH OF DEBATE CONSISTED OF UNEDIFYING  
RECRIMINATIONS AIMED AT MEMBERS ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF HOUSE.

2. AS EXPECTED, THERE WAS MORE EVIDENCE OF WOBBLING AMONG  
FAULKNERITE BACKBENCHERS. SOUTH BELFAST'S REGINALD MAGEE  
ON ONE HAND PROFESSED TO BE SUPPORTING SUNNINGDALE. ON OTHER  
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HAND HE NOTED THAT IF DUBLIN, AS LOOKS VERY LIKELY, FAILS TO

CARRY OUT ITS SUNNINGDALE COMMITMENTS ALL-IRELAND PLAN SHOULD BE DILUTED. HE SUGGESTED THAT IN SUCH AN EVENT A BODY WITHOUT EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS TO BE KNOWN AS "CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND AND REPUBLIC OF IRELAND" WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

3. ALLIANCES LAW MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE OLIVER NAPIER ITERATED HIS CALL FOR PERFORMANCE OF DUBLIN ON ITS SUNNINGDALE OBLIGATIONS HE NEEDED HMG AS WELL. PARTICULAR REGARD WAS DIRECTED AT FACT THAT LAW COMMISSION STUDYING PROBLEM OF FUGITIVE OFFENDERS HAS TAKEN SO LONG. IN THAT CONNECTION NAPIER WARNED THOSE WHO CLAIMED EXTRADITION IS JUST NOT ON. "IF SOUTH IS SAYING WE WILL NOT HAVE EXTRADITION THEN BY DOING SO THEY TEAR UP SUNNINGDALE AND THROW IT IN THE WASTE BASKET."

4. DEBATE IS TO BE RESUMED AGAIN NEXT TUESDAY APRIL 2. IT IS HOPED AND EXPECTED BUT FAR FROM CERTAIN THAT DEBATE WILL BE CONCLUDED ON THAT DATE.  
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